Address of the Supreme Magus, May 2013.

I would like to begin by welcoming our many distinguished visitors. It is a delight to see you here and joining with us at this High Council Meeting.

AUSTRALIA – Queensland

John Muirhead	H.C.Rep. Eugenius Philalethes College
Donald Dezentje	Eugenius Philalethes College

AUSTRALIA – Victoria

Bill Millane	Past Chief Adept
Fred Shade	Past Chief Adept
Kent Henderson	Past Asst. Dir.- General of Ceremonies

CANADA – Ontario East

Peter Park	Provincial Director of Ceremonies

GALIA

Jacques Galinier	Chief Adept
Dominique Paquet	Provincial Treasurer
Michael Goulon	Provincial Secretary Designate
Bernard Vigneau	Thurman C. Pace College

NEW ZEALAND

Jeremy Eggleton	Ashmolean College

THE NETHERLANDS

Frans Snel	Deputy J.S.M. - Chief Adept
Ger Wieringen	Suffragan
Loek Captin	Provincial Secretary
Peter Blom	Provincial Director of Studies
Harry Van der Tuin	Netherlands College

And from here at home I am also very pleased to welcome:-

Andrew Christopher Sweeney - Grand Summus - Scarlet Cord

Nigel Alan Willows - First Grand Master Mason - Society of Operative Freemasons

Christopher Francis Hatton - H.O.M.

Stephen Adrian Stringer - Essenes

I must now say how indebted I am to all those Officers who have worked so hard for our Society especially Brian Price our Secretary General and Ian Bates our Treasurer General together with David Henton and Terry Cooke. They have been a great Secretariat and one that the Society can be justly proud of and together with our Senior Substitute Magus Barry Clarke and the Junior Substitute Magus Peter Trewern and the Deputies we had the most formidable line up. But then of course this all changed with the passing of R.W.Fra Barry at the end of last year and now we have had to make one or two changes.

Let me therefore start by saying how pleased I am that R.W.Fra. Brian Price agreed to accept the office of Senior Substitute Magus. He has been my right hand man through his considerable experience of being the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler for the Order of the Secret Monitor and the Provincial head of a number of other Masonic Orders and I rely on him greatly for guidance, support and friendship. I know full well that he will make a superb Senior Substitute Magus and I commend him to you all.

This then left a void within the Secretariat and one that is not easy to fill, but with strong recommendations from those who are North of Watford I look forward to working with R.W.Fra. Tony Llewellin. He comes with excellent credentials and I am fully confident that we will form a strong friendship, trust and partnership.

Recently, we have also very reluctantly had to say farewell to our Procurator General, R.W.Fra. Richard Long. Richard has fairly recently moved up North and away from London and because he is no longer registered on the Legal roll he thought it right and proper that we should appoint a regularly registered Solicitor in his stead. Richard has given so much sound advice over many years and we are all indebted to him. To his successor R.W.Fra. Jeffrey Conway we thank him for accepting this Office and I know that he will fill the position admirably.

Regalia and Jewels

I would just like to thank Peter Thompson for his sterling work behind the scenes for dealing with and dispatching the various orders for rituals and jewels; this is much appreciated.

At long last we have now had the new die made for the jewel such that it mirrors the old jewel of the late 19th century. I have one such here for you to look at and you will notice that it is now curved but that we have had the pentagram raised so that it is now clearly visible. Both it and the flat jewel will be available. We must thank R.W.Fra. Bob Morrow for his kind offices in helping with this project and also for sourcing a very old ‘crown’ for the jewels which is far more in keeping than the often large crown which has been used recently.

We are also undertaking a review of the regalia as a whole so that the gowns may be standardised.

Web Site

This really is the important part of the proceedings about the Society itself. This year and for the first time I can report on the advances with our new web site. Yes, it has been a long time coming but we are now nearly there and I have pleasure in showing you the opening page.

What we will have is not just a web site for today but one for the future as well. Each College will have its own folder and this will be able to contain summonses, papers and officers etc and this will be the responsibility of the High Council representatives or their appointees. It is therefore the College responsibility to maintain their folder and to keep it up to date; this will benefit each College and enable communication between Provinces and Colleges alike. The login process will be the usual email address and your own password and

because it will have a link to the database there will not be any need for having to remember a series of different passwords.
A rolling calendar will give access to the College meeting dates and there will be the facility for the electronic exchange of forms.

This prompts me to thank Terry Cooke and his wife who have slaved over the Golden Books and put these into a database such that every member who is and who has been a member of the Society is now logged with their mottos and Golden Book number.

At long last the end is in sight with huge thanks to the hard work of Yvonne Fell for her advice and input with the graphics and design of the Web-site.

Summonses

May I once again make a plea for a copy of your summonses. Whilst I admit to having missed one or two meeting dates, it is my intention to acknowledge the summonses sent to me and to add a note to congratulate the candidates on their advancement to other Grades. Please send the copy to jpsria@aol.com

Our Future

At long last I feel that we can justifiably claim to have been completely accepted back again into the bosom of the Masonic world and I cannot tell you what a delight it is to have the Grand Masters of the other Masonic Orders as members of our Society and to be welcomed by them at their Grand Meetings. It makes me feel very proud.

So. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible down in South Wales for the next High Council meeting in September

Finally I must again say that it is delight and an honour to serve you all.

God Bless you all,

John p